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PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR HWY. 154 IMPROVEMENTS

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – The public is invited to a community meeting to discuss highway improvements on Hwy 154. Caltrans and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) are proposing to improve the road at five locations:

- Construct an eastbound turnout 1.7 miles east of Painted Cave Road.
- Construct an eastbound left-turn lane at Vista Point, west of the Coldsprings Bridge.
- Construct a westbound right-turn lane at Vista Point, west of the Coldsprings Bridge
- Construct a westbound right-turn lane at Paradise Road.
- Construct a westbound passing lane west of Santa Agueada Creek and lengthen the westbound left turn lane and eastbound right-turn lane at Hwy 246.

SBCAG has determined this project would not significantly affect the environment.

The \$5.5 million project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2007

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday April 26 from 6pm to 8pm at the Solvang Veterans Hall in the Legion Wing at 1745 Mission Drive in Solvang.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, the public can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at:

<http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/main/road/upslo.htm>.

